

The Marryed Mans Lesson:

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*A dissuasion from Jealousie.*To the tune of, *All you that will woe a wench.*

YOU men who are marri'd come hearken to me,
I le teach you a Lesson if wise you will bee,
Then take my advice that's intended for god,
and so tis if it bee but well understand:
Twill cause you to shun all contention and spleene,
that daily betwix man and woman are seene,
I speake against jealousie that monster fierce.
and wish I could conquer the fiend with my verse,
O be not thou jaloues I prethee deere Lad,
for jealousie makes many good women bad.

If thou have a god wife then I thee advise
to cherish her well for shee is a rare prize,
If shee bee indifferent betwix god and bad,
god meane to resce me her may easly be had:
If shee bee so evill that there is fewe woeze,
imagin thy sines have deser ved that curse,
Then beate with true patience thy crosse as 'tis fit,
and then to a blessing thereby maist turne it.
But be not, &c.

Belweene these 3. winds the god, bad, & the meane,
I grounde the whole argument of this my Theme,
For in them a mans humane blisse, or his woe,
doth chiesly consist as experiance doth shew:
Thus is it not counsell that's worthy regard,
which teacheth to soften a thing that is hard,
And what I intend is in every mans will,
to turne to a vertue what seemeth most ill.
Then be not, &c.

A wife that is god beeing beautifull, may
perchaps raise suspition that shee'l goe astray,
Note the sond humours that mest men possesse,
they're neither content with the more nor the lesse,
For if shee bee homely, then her he will slight,
to such neither faire, nor soule, can yeld delight,
If once heele bee jealous the other hee scornes,
there's no greater plagues then imagined horres.
Then be not, &c.

A wife that's indifferent betwixne god and ill,
is shee that in hyswifery shewes her god will,
Yet sometimes her voyce shew too much elevates,
is that the occasion for which her he hates:
A soveraigne remedy for this disease,
is to hold thy tongue let her say what shew please:
Judge, is not this better then to fight and scratch,
for silence will sone stille a shyzewoer match.
However I pray thee shun jealousie Lad,
for jealousie makes many good women bad.

A wife that's all bad if thy lucke bee to have,
seeke not to reclame her by making her slave,
If shee bee as bad as ever trod the ground,
not fighting nor jealousie will heale that wound:
For marke when a River is stopt in its course,
it oveslowes the bankes then the danger is worse.
By shynge god example and patience with all,
may her sinnes her vices much rather recall.
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The second part. To the same tune.



A wife that is vertuous in every respect,
Who doth her vow'd duty at no time neglect,
She's not free from censure, for soles their bolts
as oft at the head as they doe at the scote : (shooe
A kisse, or a smile, or a Jest, or a dance,
familiar discou're or an amorous glance,
All these as her witness envy doth bring,
the credit of innocent women to fling.
But be not thou jealous I pray thee deare Lad,
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A wife that's indifferent if curb'd over much,
will grow worse & worse for their nature is such,
The more thou with rigor dost seeke her to mend,
the more they'll persist and grow desperat i'th end,
And thus from indifferency wanting god meanes,
Some wel meaning women turn impudic queans,
if godnesse by beating thou seek'st to infuse,
For breaking her flesh thou all godnesse dost byse.
Then be not, &c.

A wife at the worst (as I told you before)
a drunckard, a swearer, a scold, shooe, or whoze,
By gentle perwasions, reclaimed may bee,
my selfe by experiance, but lately diu see :
A man that with jealousie plagued had bee,
when hee the last labour and trouble had saue,
hee cast off his care, and referd all to's wife,
who soone left her vices and led a new life.
Then be not, &c.

I also have knylone a wife handsome and neate,
of whom her fond husband did take a conceate,
That other men lov'd her because shee was faire,
though on the contrary, to him shee did sware :

Hee watcht her, hee ey'd her, hee noted her wayes,
and once hee in's drinck, he a scandall would raise,
This usage irregular set her on fier,
so from thence forward shee prov'd him no lyer,
Then be not, &c.

Consider each circumstance with god regard,
how oft cause lesse jealousie wins due reward,
And likewise I wish the to beare in thy brest,
that patience and quietnes still is the best.
For if shee berought shee grow worse with restraint
but patience may make of a harlot, a Saint,
If faire meanes prevaile not, thou'l ne're do't by
for miskenesse (if any thing) must win a soule (soule
Then be not, &c.

Now lastly to both men and women I speake,
from this foolish fancy their humors to breake,
Be loving and tractable each unto other,
and what is amisse let affection still smother :
So shall man and wife in a sympathy sweet,
at boord, and at bed (as they ought to doe) meete,
All fighting and scratching, and scolding shall cease,
where jealousies harbord there can bee no peace.
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